

**HISTORY**

**Of the Sons of Veterans Band, of Red Cloud, Nebraska.**

Together with an outline picture, and a short biographical sketch of each one of its members.

BY WM. W. TULLEYS.

[FOR THE CHIEF.]

To begin at the beginning a Sons of Veterans camp was mustered in at Red Cloud, Nebraska, June 6th, 1891. After the camp was in good running order it was suggested by someone that we organize a Sons of Veterans band. Mr. Oscar Patmor took the matter in hand and did his best to organize a band, but both his first and second attempts were unsuccessful, as no one could be found competent to lead a band. But having been at considerable expense and loss of time he did not like to give it up. So another attempt was made which, so far, has been a grand success. The services of Prof. Geo. E. Hendrick were procured and on the 13th day of May, 1892, the boys met and elected officers as follows:

Prof. Geo. Hendrick, leader; Oscar Patmor, president; John Dickerson, vice president; Henry Clark, secretary; Wm. West, treasurer; Oscar Patmor and John Dickerson, business managers; Wm. Tulleys, Wm. West and Harry Miller, board of trustees. After the election of officers Prof. Hendrick assigned the parts as follows:

Geo. Hendrick, E flat cornet; H. J. Clark, 1st B flat cornet; O. C. Bell, solo B flat cornet; Harry Miller, solo alto; Irving Cummings, 1st alto, Wm. Tulleys, 2d alto; John Dickerson, 1st tenor; Chas. Guilford, 2d tenor; Wm. West, baritone; Oscar Patmor, tuba; Walter Warren, B bass; Samuel Miller, snare drum; John Patmor, bass drum. As soon as it was evident that a band had been organized, the ladies of the city wanted to do something to help them along. As no uniforms had been purchased, and so far nothing to purchase them with, the ladies thought it would be a good plan to try and uniform the band. They gave a public dinner and supper the proceeds to be used for the purchase of uniforms for the band. This dinner and supper netted \$80 which was promptly turned over to the band. This amount with what the band had on hand, purchased very neat uniforms. This was done in less than a month after the band was organized. The kindness of the ladies will always be remembered by the band boys.

When the band was first organized there were but one or two that had ever played on a brass instrument and it was less than two months from the time that we organized until the 4th of July, still we offered our services to Campbell, Nebraska, for \$50 which was accepted. There were two other bands that had offered their services for the same price, and with less than two months practice we were selected to furnish music for them on the 4th of July. After our return from Campbell, it was necessary for the band to give entertainments of different kinds to defray expenses for the coming year. The first of any importance was a dance given on the 15th of July, shortly after our engagement at Campbell. This was during the teachers' institute and it is needless to say was well attended, and was a financial success for the band. Our next engagement was at the reunion at Superior, Nebraska, August 22d to 28th. It was freely remarked that the Sons of Veterans band of Red Cloud, was the best band on the grounds out of the five that were present. On November 24th, the band boys gave a dance that will long be remembered by all who were present. It was one of the most successful balls, both socially and financially, ever given in the city. This being campaign year, the band had numerous engagements not mentioned in this short history. The band gave several socials and such lighter entertainments until March 17th, 1893, when another grand ball was given. This ball, though not as big a success financially as the others, did credit to those who had it in charge. A drama was given on March 23d, by the band entitled "Nevada, or the Lost Mine." This was a very successful entertainment and netted the band \$75.

On the 13th of May, 1893, election of officers again took place with nearly the same results as before. Oscar Patmor, president; John Dickerson, vice president; Henry Clark, secretary; O. C. Bell, treasurer; O. C. Bell, general business manager, Oscar Patmor, John Dickerson, Wm. West and Walter Warren, board of trustees. During the latter part of May, some change was made in the band. Mr. Cummings resigning on account of his health, Mr. Dickerson was changed from 1st tenor to 1st alto. Mr. Wm. Eagleburger joined the band on May 30th, and was given 2d B flat cornet. Mr. V. B. Fulton also joined about this time and was given solo alto, Mr. Harry Miller being changed from solo alto to E flat cornet. The next engagement away from home was at Republican City, Nebraska, at the 2d annual picnic of the A. O. U. W. At a meeting of the Division Council of the Sons of Veterans of Nebraska, held Feb. 4th, they voted the S. of V. Band of Red Cloud, as the official band for the State Sons of Veterans encampment held at West Point, Nebraska, June 12th, 1893, for which services we received \$100. The 4th of July, '93 the band remained at

are the very best, being made by C. G. Conn and Lyon & Healy. The band is now using four of C. G. Conn's famous wonder cornets. The tuba is also a Conn instrument and the rest were made by Lyon & Healy. The first music used by the band was Geo. Southwell's book for new beginners. We then used his "next" band book and are now playing nearly all sheet music by different authors. We also use P. S. Gilmore's book containing 100 pieces. The band is now playing 4th and 5th grade music, and if the future will be as successful as the past, in another year's time the Red Cloud Sons of

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**PROF. GEO. E. HENDRICK.**  
[E FLAT CORNET.]

Mr. Wm. K. Eagleburger was born in Story City, Iowa, Dec. 11th, 1869. He moved with his parents to Norton, Kansas, in 1879. Mr. Eagleburger was married to Miss Clyde Hanks on the 17th, of April, 1892, and moved to Red Cloud, in September of the same year. He is by occupation a marble cutter and is foreman in the marble works of Boyd & Overing. He joined the band May 30th, 1893, and plays the 2nd B flat cornet. Mr. Eagleburger is a good musician and has a good tenor voice.

Mr. Samuel Miller was born in Red Cloud, Nebraska, November 16th, 1875. He was a member of the band when first organized and played the snare drum which part he still holds and few of his age can equal him. Mr. Miller is by occupation a harness maker, but is at present employed as a polisher in the marble works of Boyd & Overing.

Mr. Harry Miller was born in Red Cloud, Nebraska, October 29th, 1873. He was a member of the band when first organized, and the first instrument that he played was solo alto and was afterwards changed to E flat cornet, which part he now plays and he is the strongest player in the band. Mr. Miller is by occupation a harness

maker and is one of the firm of J. L. Miller & Sons. Mr. Miller also plays the lead cornet in the Methodist church orchestra.

Mr. John C. Dickerson was born in Bedford, Iowa, May 16th, 1872. He came with his parents to Red Cloud in 1881. Was a member of the band when first organized and played 1st tenor, but was afterwards changed to 1st alto, and in the absence of the solo alto player he plays solo alto. Mr. Dickerson is book-keeper for the firm of M. W. Dickerson & Co. He is a good bass singer and for three years was assistant chorister in the Methodist church.

Mr. John Patmor was born in Salem, Kansas, July 21st, 1874, and came to Red Cloud, in 1879. He was a member of the band when first organized and plays the bass drum. Mr. Patmor was married to Miss Melissa Butcher, March 25th, 1893. He is an industrious farmer and devotes his spare time to the band.

Mr. Will W. Tulleys was born in Villisca, Iowa, Nov. 18th, 1871, and came to Red Cloud in 1872. Was a member of the band when first organized and plays 2nd alto. He is by occupation a printer and is a member of the RED CLOUD CHIEF force. Mr. Tulleys sings tenor and for the past two years has been assistant chorister in the Methodist church.

Mr. Victor B. Fulton was born in Buckeye, Iowa, December 10th, 1859. He moved from there to Pennsylvania, and was there during the great oil excitement. He moved from there to

the tuba since the band was organized. He was elected president of the band at its organization May 13th, 1892, and was re-elected May 13th, 1893. Mr. Patmor makes a good officer and as long as he remains the head officer of the band, a continuance of its success is assured.

Mr. O. C. Bell was born in Galveston, Indiana, January 9th, 1847, and came to Red Cloud, in July 1891. He was a member of the band when first organized and played solo B flat cornet, which part he still plays. Mr. Bell is a veteran as well as son of a veteran. He was bugler of Co. B 10th Indiana Cavalry, and his father

was captain of the same company. Mr. Bell was married to Miss Minnie Polly, December 10th, 1874. He is treasurer and general business manager of the band and takes good care of the finances of the organization. His fatherly care of the boys at West Point and Grand Island won for him the title of "papa." Mr. Bell makes a good officer and is a strong cornet player.

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This concludes what we hope has been a fair and impartial history of one of the most promising musical organizations in the state. In regard to the young men herein mentioned, will say they are all of good moral character and high social standing.

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**JOHN E. PATMOR.**  
[BASS DRUM.]

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Prof. Geo. E. Hendrick was born in Peoria, Ill., Aug. 28th, 1863. He began playing the violin when but 9 years of age, and was then living at Hannibal, Mo. He went from there to Smith Center, Kansas, in 1879. It was here he first began the study of music. In 1880 he went to Kansas City, where he studied music six months, and went from there to Albu-

querque, New Mexico, and played 1st violin in a concert saloon. Returning home in 1881 he had charge of several bands and orchestras until 1883 when he organized a band of 10 pieces at Cora, Kansas. This band prospered two years under his management and disbanded as soon as he left it. Prof. Hendrick played 1st violin and tuba with the Great Western Circus from this time until November, 1886, when he was married to Miss

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Grand Island, that he received his title "papa." The band have given Saturday night concerts regularly since they have been organized, for which the business men contribute liberally to the support of the band. This band is the only Sons of Veterans band in the state, and it is thought to be the only one in the United States, as we have no knowledge of any other one. Every member of the band is a member of H. S.

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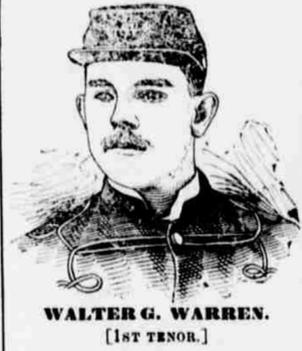
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Mr. Charles Guilford was born in Dunlap, Iowa, December 23d, 1872. He came to Red Cloud in 1884. He has been a member of the band since its organization and plays 2nd tenor. He is by occupation a butcher and shows a great deal of interest in the band.

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**WM. F. WEST.**  
[BARITONE.]

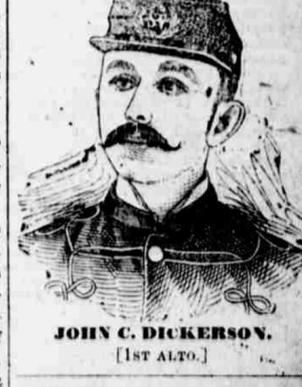
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